Medicines, etc., for the Medical department—supply of.

276. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the firm or firms that supply the medicines, etc., for the Medical Department;

(b) whether the same is done by calling for tenders or on private agreement basis;

(c) (1) who all submitted tenders last time and (2) at what rates;

(d) who opens the tenders?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) A statement containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

(b) Most of the purchases of medicines, etc., are effected by calling tenders except some minor purchase of all urgent nature where only quotations are called for from established firms of repute.

(c) (1) A statement containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

(2) The tenders in respect of the supply for 1111 are placed on the Council Table.

(d) The Chief Medical Officer.

Paddy lands in Nemmara Firkah—cultivation of.

277. **Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.— (1) are the Government aware of the fact that major portion of the lands in Nemmara Firkah have lost the 2nd crop this year due to want of water;

(2) are the Government aware that a large area of paddy lands in Nemmara Firkah are not cultivated this year till now on account of the late monsoon;

(3) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to make enquiries and provide some relief by way of remission of a portion of the tax?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) No.

(2) No.

(3) The question does not arise.

Compassionate gratuity—Mr. C. D. Samuel.

278. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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(1) whether they did not receive petition after petition from Mr. C. D. Samuel for giving him compassionate gratuity as heir to Mr. C. L. David who died as Headmaster of the Malayalam Primary School, Arimpur;

(2) when did they get his first petition;

(3) is he not entitled to get compassionate gratuity under the rules;

(4) if so, why was he not given the amount yet?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— (1) Yes.

(2) 22nd June 1931.

(3) The claim is under investigation.

(4) Vide answer to 3.

The Gothuruthi High School.

279. **Mr. E. Eachara Menon**—.Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether their attention has been called to the article under the heading 'The Gothuruthi High School' in the West Coast Review of 30th June 1935 (page 4);

(b) if so, what action have they taken on it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— (a) Yes.

(b) No occasion for action has arisen.

Cochin Tanneries, Ltd.—Chalakkudi—working of.

280. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the amount due to them from the Cochin Tanneries Ltd., Chalakkudi;

(2) what steps, if any, are they taking to realise it;

(3) what is the amount subscribed by the public in that concern;

(4) whether the Government have any idea to re-start the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(1) Rs. 1, 14, 360—3—7 as loan on the mortgage of the buildings and machinery besides the share capital on 12,000 fully paid up shares of Rs. 10 each.

(2) The court decree against the Tanneries is being executed

(3) Rs. 2,69,505.

(4) The question of reviving the Tanneries is to be taken up for consideration after Government get complete possession of the properties.

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